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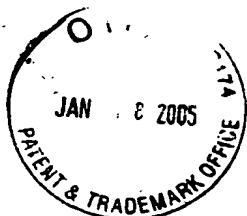
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Respectfully Submitted,

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APPENDIX

Concise Explanation

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According to the International Searching Authority, the nails used for securing boards for the construction of pallets "conform to the German standard DIN 68 163, with a head diameter of 9 – 9.6 mm D1, (col. 1, line 58) and a shaft diameter of 4.2 mm (col. 1, line 48) The length of the nails can vary according to requirements (Col. 1, line 40: z.B. 88 – 90 mm)."

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